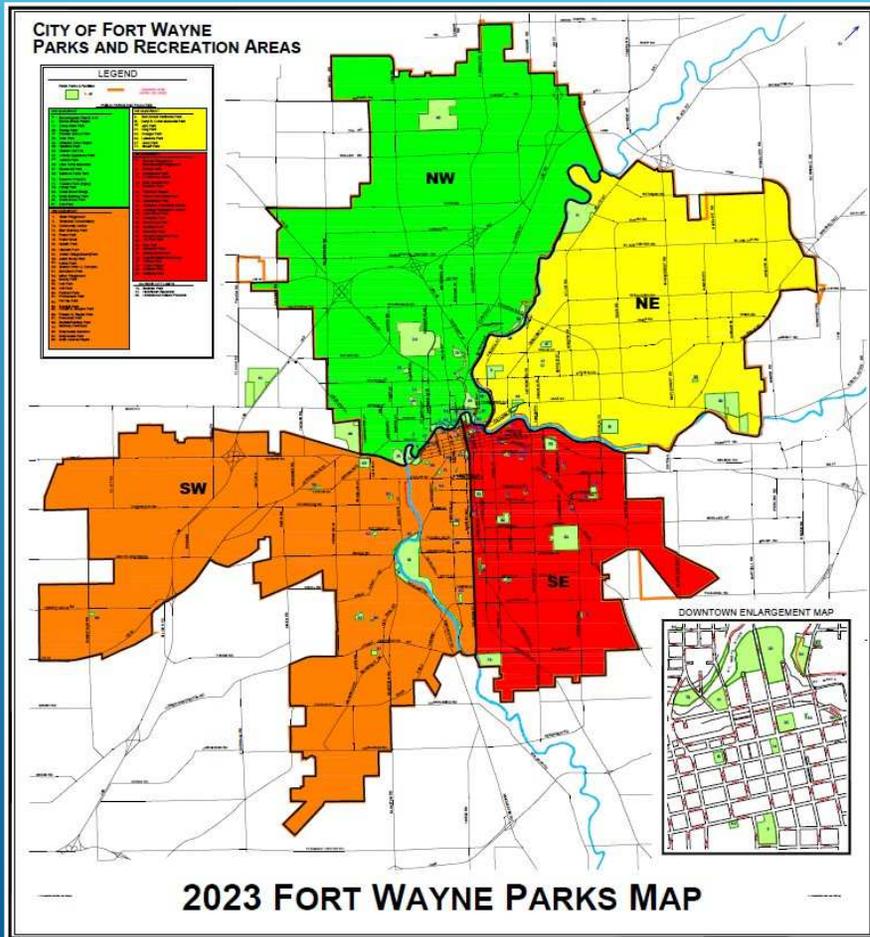


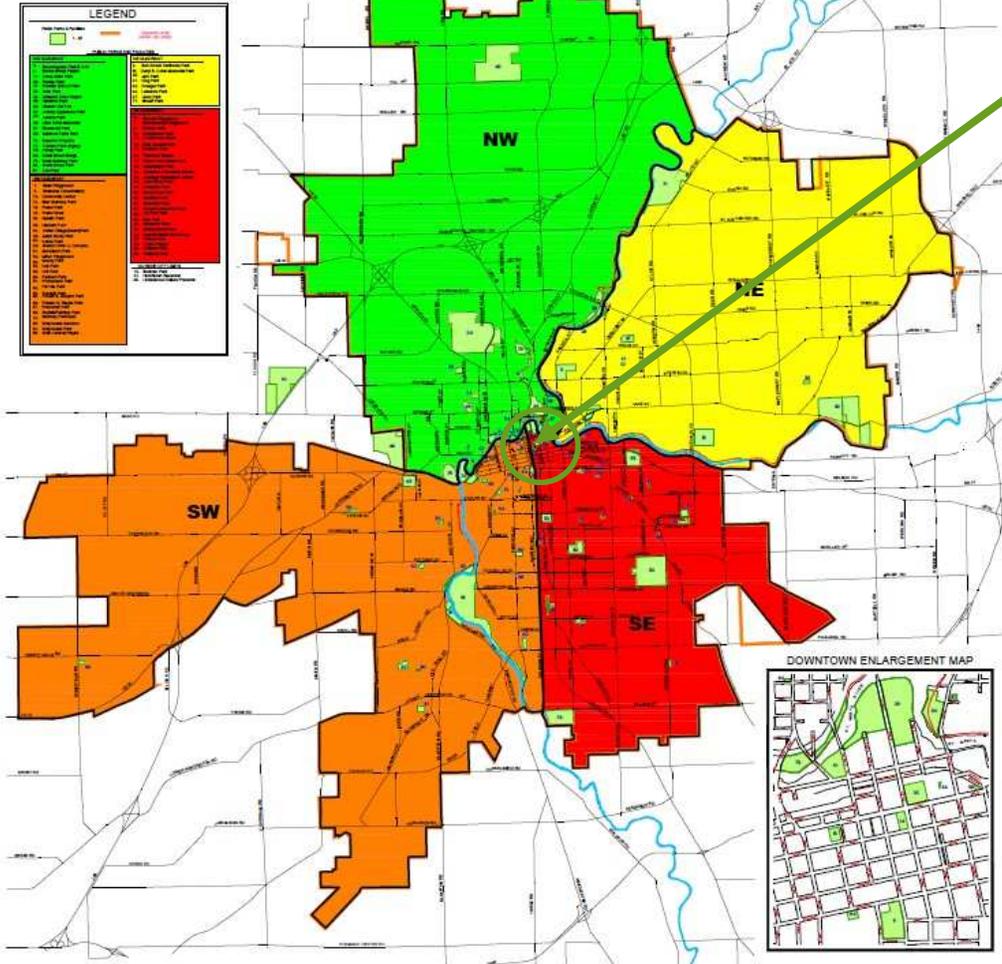
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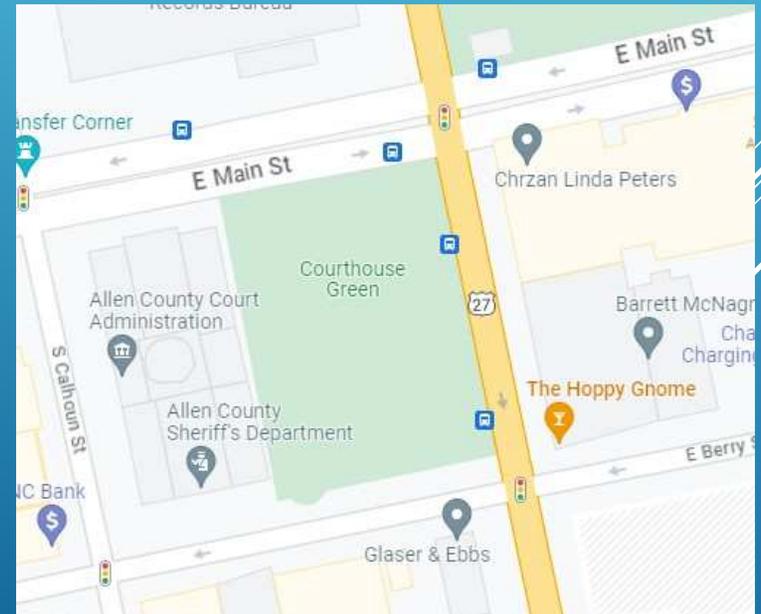
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**2023 FORT WAYNE PARKS MAP**

# COURTHOUSE GREEN

Located at 715 South Calhoun Street



# COURTHOUSE GREEN PARK

Since 1999

Size in Acres: 1.08

Courthouse Green is a one acre plaza on the east side of the Allen County Courthouse that was dedicated on October 15, 1999. This was a \$3 million dollar project that highlights a side of the building that was hidden for decades behind a half-dozen buildings and a parking lot. Now Courthouse Green visitors can admire various flowers, trees and shrubs from the sidewalk or from multiple benches lining the park.



# COURTHOUSE GREEN PARK

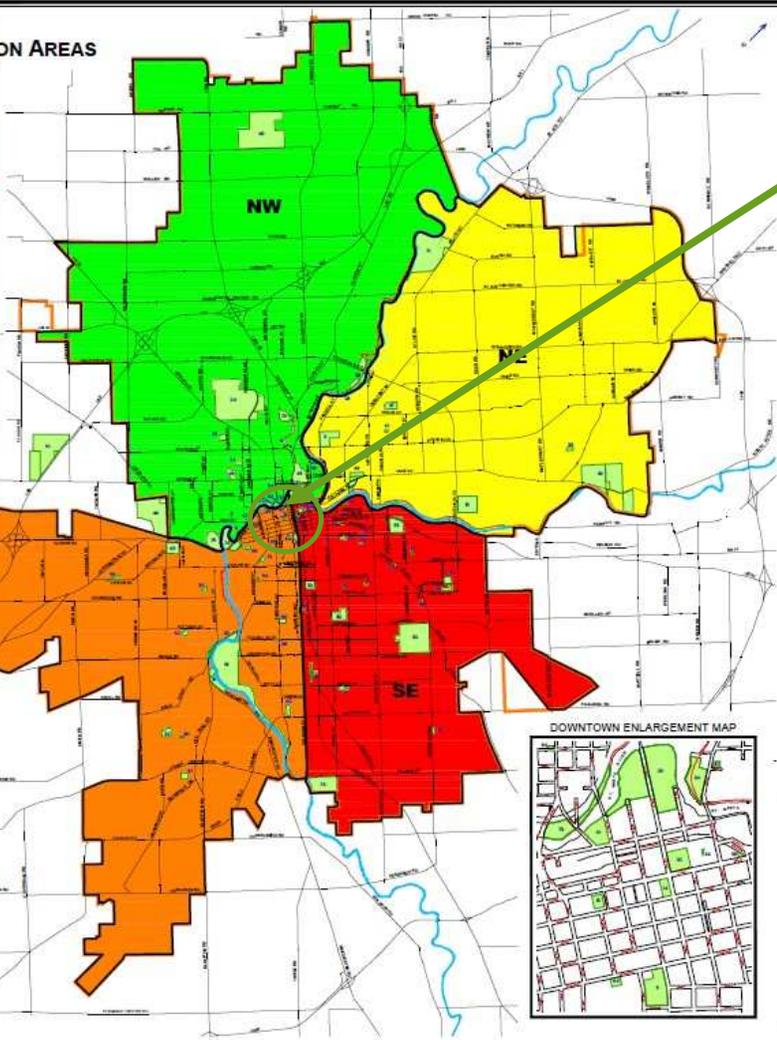
The park was created to be a tranquil area consisting of semi-circle designed walkways intersected with decorative fountains and park bench seating spaces. The Fort Wayne Parks Department's horticulture division works diligently to maintain beautiful flora and vegetative greenery throughout the park. In the inner-circle there are seven stone pedestals that house decorative fountains. The stone castings in each of the pedestals are carved limestone decorations from the original Dreibelbiss Building that was removed for construction of the park.



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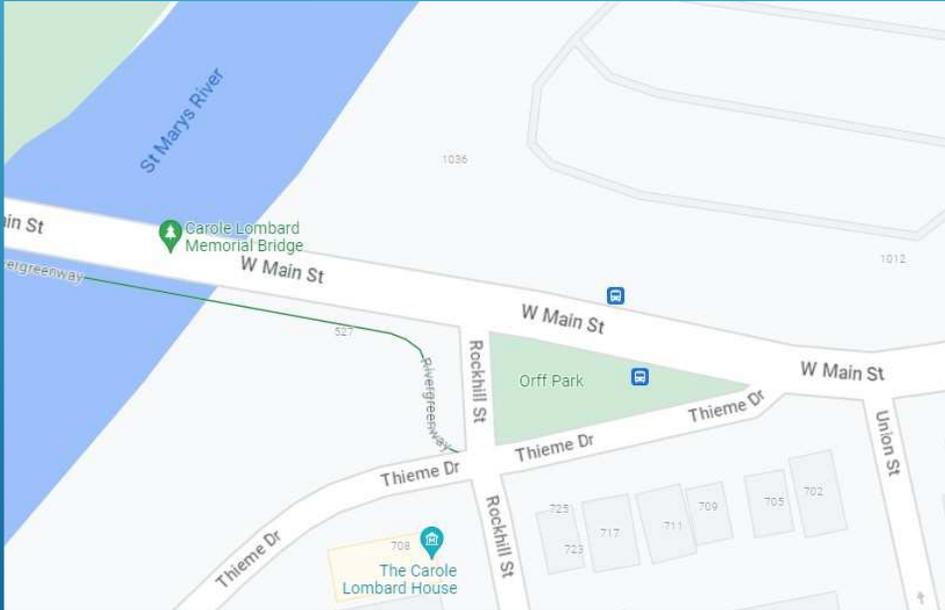
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# ORFF PARK

Located at the intersection of Main and Rockhill Streets



## ORFF PARK

At .02 acres, Orff Park is the city's smallest park. The park is located at the intersection of Main Street, Thieme Drive, and Rockhill Street. It is a small triangular shaped area that is home to one single monument commemorating the "Old Aqueduct Club"

Since 1892

Size: .02 Acres



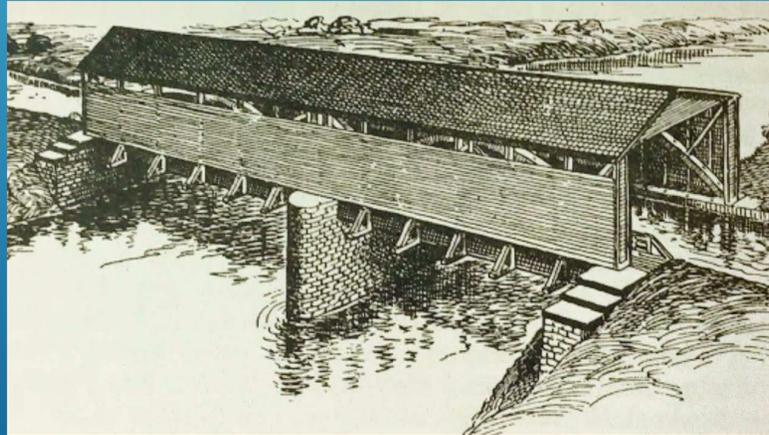
## ORFF PARK

### History

Orff Park is named after Mr. John Orff. Mr. Orff operated a large mill during the mid-1800's that was located on the site of the park. The mill was operated by water power from the St. Marys River Aqueduct on the Wabash & Erie Canal. After the canal closed in 1874, the days of operation of the mill also ceased. Later, in 1892, the Parks Department purchased a small portion of the land from Mr. Orff to serve as a monument site for the canal and aqueduct.



Canal



Aqueduct



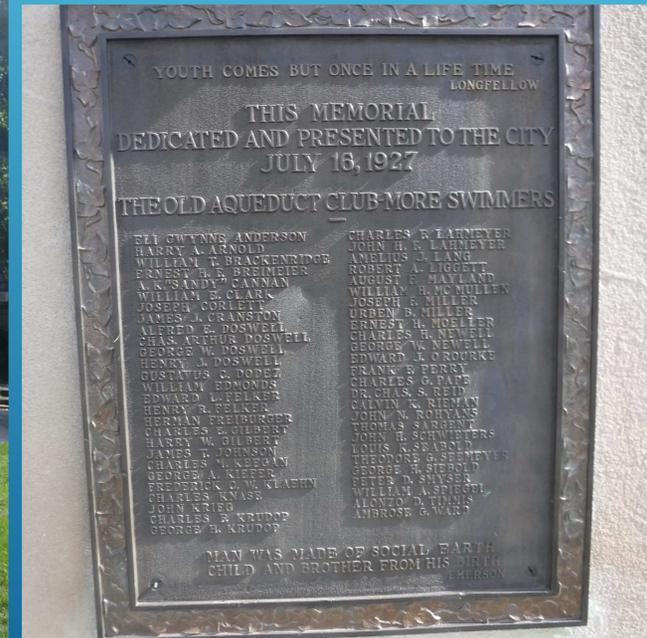
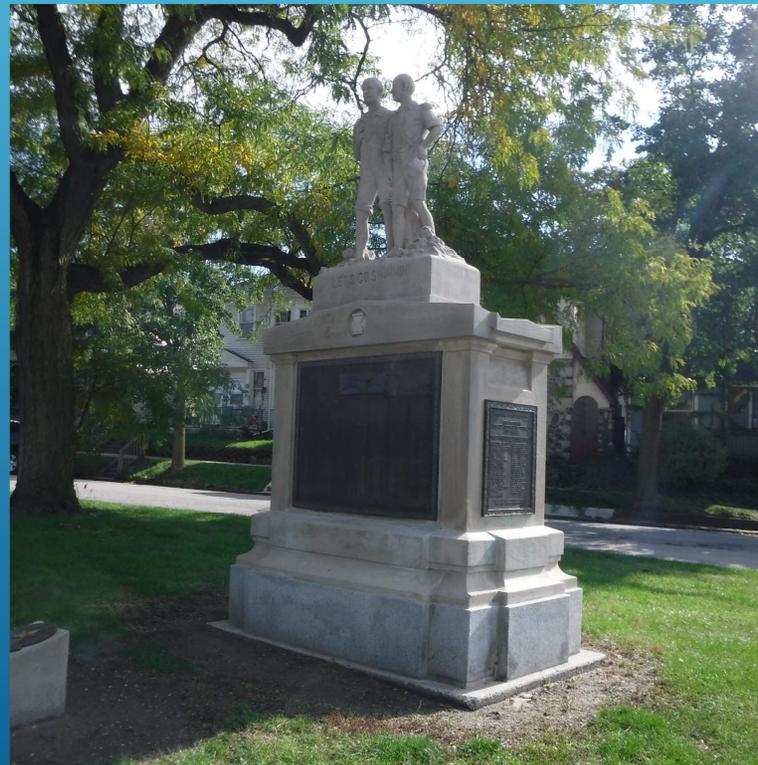
THE ORFF (EDSALL) MILL.  
The drawing, from a photograph, shows the Orff, or Edsall, mill  
as the Empire mill and commonly called "the old stone mill") as

Mill

## ORFF PARK

### “Let's Go Swimmin”

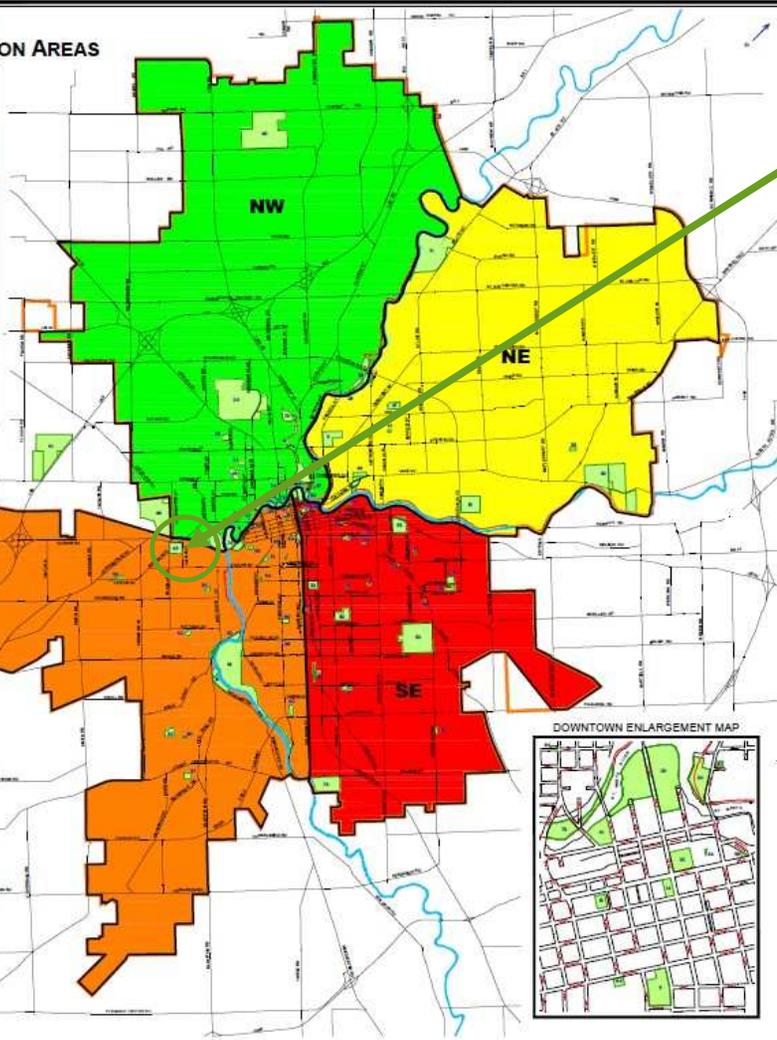
On July 16, 1927, a monument in Orff Park was dedicated by the Old Aqueduct Club. It is a statue of two young boys dressed in the coveralls of the 1870s with an inscription that simply reads: “Let's Go Swimmin.” The monument is a commemoration to the young men who used to swim in the old aqueduct, with their names proudly displayed on bronze plaques.



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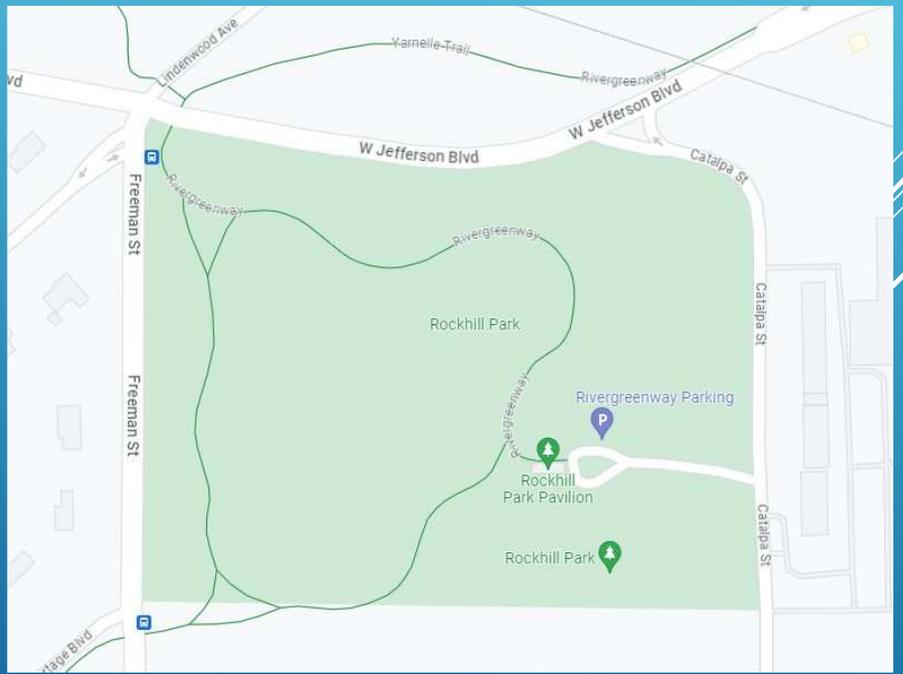
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# ROCKHILL PARK

Catalpa Street and West Jefferson Boulevard

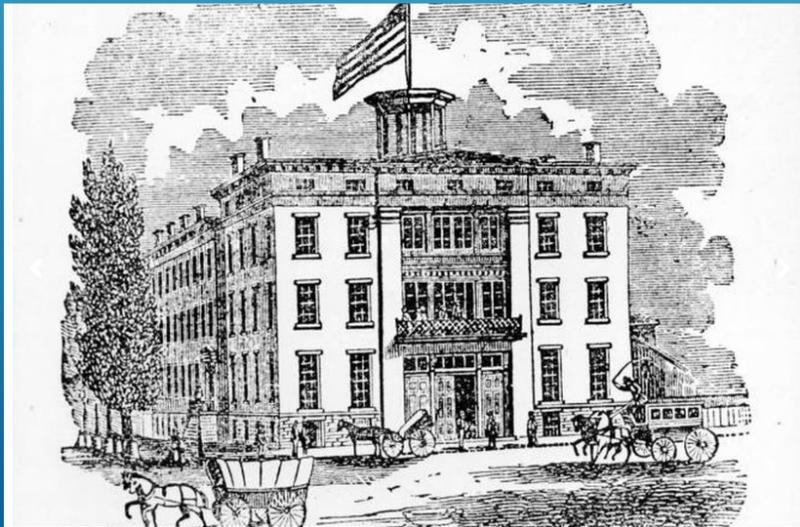


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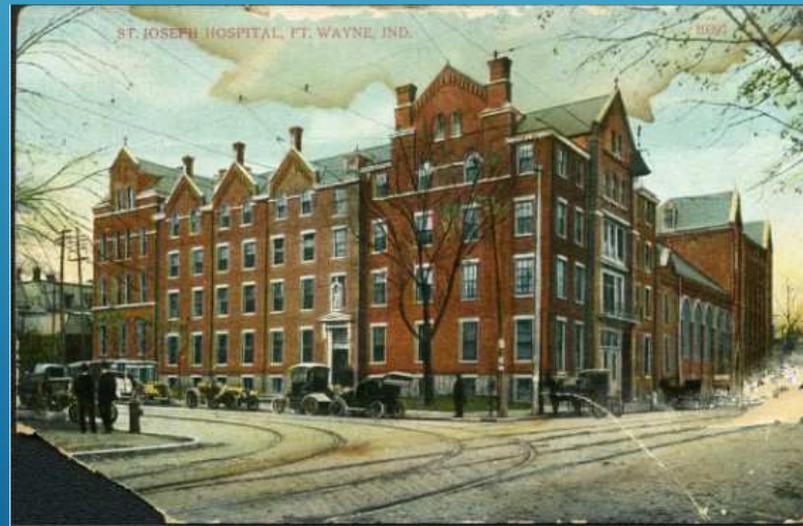
Since 1908

Size in Acres: 28.0

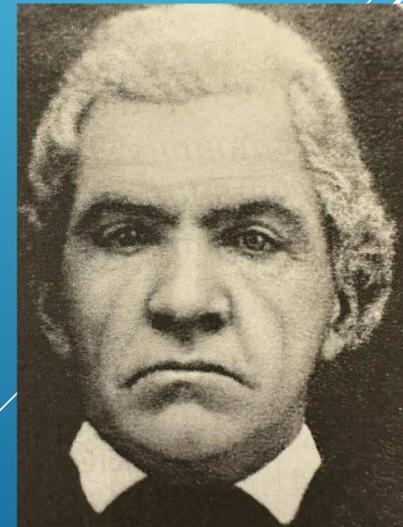
Rockhill Park is named after William R. Rockhill. Considered to be one of the original patriarchs of Fort Wayne, Mr. Rockhill served on the first Board of Commissioners for Allen County. He then served on the first Fort Wayne City Council and then later served as an Indiana State Representative and finally a State Senator from 1844 to 1847. Mr. Rockhill was a successful landowner, farmer, and developer that owned significant acreage west of Broadway Street. He was also instrumental in the development and construction of the Wabash & Erie Canal through Allen County. In 1838, Mr. Rockhill built the Rockhill House Hotel, a luxury hotel at the corner of Broadway and Main Street. After his death in 1865, the hotel closed and the building was purchased by the local Catholic Church. The Bishop at that time, Bishop Luers, repurposed the hotel as the city's first hospital, later renamed St. Joseph Hospital.



Rockhill House Hotel



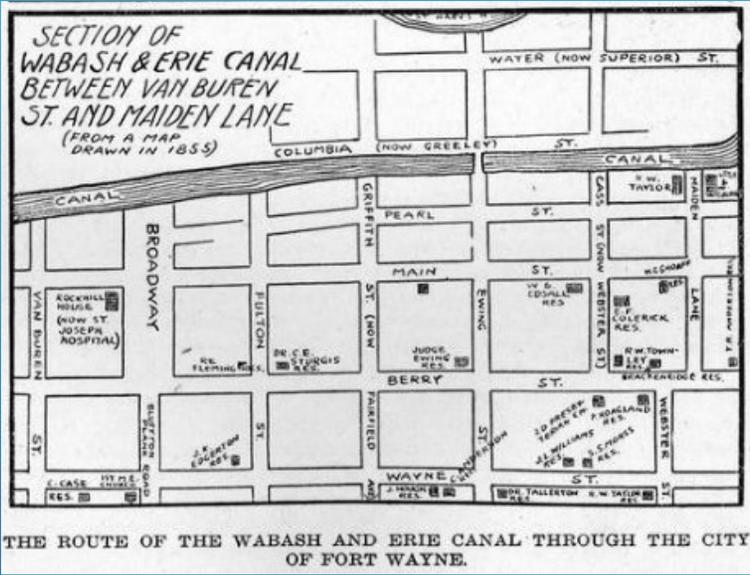
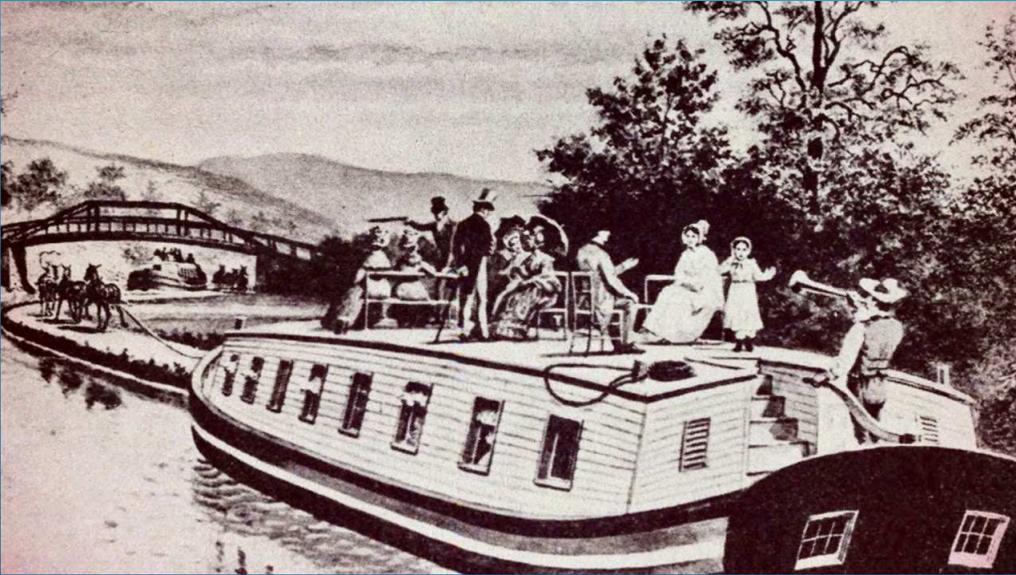
St. Joseph Hospital



William R. Rockhill

# ROCKHILL PARK

The park was started with a 1908 land donation by the Fort Wayne Commercial Improvement Company. The land was donated with the stipulation from the Rockhill family that if the old Rockhill farmland was ever annexed by the city, then the land should be turned over to the Park Board, thus beginning the development of Rockhill Park. For a period of time, the Wabash & Erie Canal cut through the park.



THE ROUTE OF THE WABASH AND ERIE CANAL THROUGH THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE.

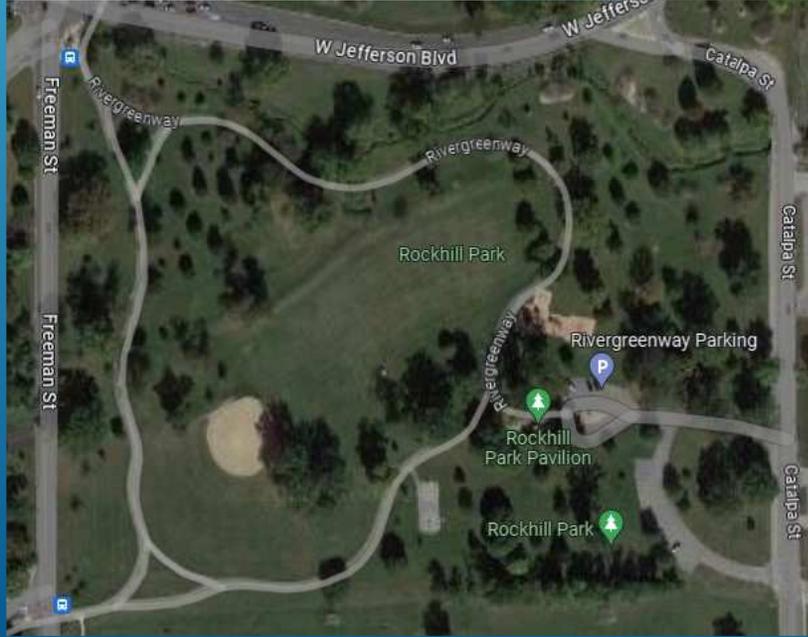
## ROCKHILL PARK

Today, evidence of the historic canal and towpath exists along the northwest corner of the park. The towpath that was used by horses to tow boats through the canal can be identified by the raised mound area stretching through the park. The greenway trail path that is in the park was placed along what was the bed of the original canal path.



# ROCKHILL PARK

Today park users can enjoy beautiful large hardwood tree canopies, winding asphalt Rivergreenway trails that mark points in history associated with the Rockhill family and the Wabash & Erie Canal, a playground, a basketball court, a pick-up baseball diamond, and a historic stone rental pavilion that was built through the WPA.



MUCH MORE TO COME...

